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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A voice recognition system comprises an analyzer 1 for converting an input voice signal to an input pattern including cepstrum, a reference pattern memory 3 for storing reference patterns, an elongation/contraction estimating unit 4/for outputting an elongation/contraction parameter in frequency axis direction by using the input pattern and the reference patterns, and a/recognizing unit 101 for calculating the distances between the converted input pattern from the converter 2 and the reference patterns and outputting the reference pattern corresponding to the shortest distance as/result of recognition. The elongation/contraction unit 4 estimates an elongation/contraction parameter by using cepstrum included in the input pattern. The unit 4 does not have various values in advance for determining the elongation/contraction parameter. Nor the unit 4 have to execute distance calculation for various values.